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1. HAD JUST FINALIZED ARRANGEMENTS TO BEGIN FORMAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR BUREAU EMPLOYEES, BUT REF B SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON ISSUE. HAD ASSUMED THAT ORIGINAL IG RECOMMENDATION HAD PERHAPS BEEN GENERATED BY COMMENTS OF LOCAL STAFF DURING IG SURVEY; SOME OF OUR TECHS AND TELEOPS HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN GETTING ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRAINING AND A NUMBER OF THEM CAN DEFINITELY USE IT. HAVE ARRANGED FOR LOCAL ENGLISH TRAINING INSTITUTE TO SUPPLY TEACHER ON CONTRACT TO TEACH CLASS ONE-HOUR A DAY MONDAY THRU FRIDAY IN ROOM IN EMBASSY DOWN HALL FROM BUREAU. IN CANVASSING BUREAU, HAVE 6-7 TECHS/TELEOPS LINED UP FOR THE CLASS.

2. REF B INTRODUCES SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ELEMENT. NONE OF OUR KOREAN MONITORS SIGNED UP FOR THE OFFERED CLASS, FEELING PRESUMABLY THAT THEY'VE HAD EXTENSIVE SCHOOLING IN ENGLISH ALREADY. IG REPORT STATEMENT ON QUALITY OF KOREAN TRANSLATIONS IS GENERALLY TRUE. PART OF REASON IS RELATIVE NEWNESS OF ENTIRE UNIT, PLUS ABSENCE OF NUCLEAS OF SENIOR MONITORS TO SET EXAMPLE, WHICH CAN ONLY BE OVERCOME WITH TIME. AM CONTACTING ENGLISH INSTITUTE TO SEE ABOUT SETTING UP SECOND CLASS GEARED FOR MONITORS.

3. FOR PURPOSE OF RESPONSE TO IG RECOMMENDATIONS, THINK YOU CAN MARK SEOUL ITEM "IN PROGRESS." WE SHOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN BUDGET TO SUPPORT AT LEAST A SIX-MONTH PROGRAM OF FORMAL ENGLISH TRAINING. WE WILL ALSO BE SEEKING WAYS IN-HOUSE TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF OUR MONITORS' WORK.

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